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A Petition to Congress

To: *The President, The Senate of the United States
of America
The Speaker, The House of Representatives,
United States of America*

The undersigned Lyle H. Munson herewith respectfully petitions the Congress of the United States of America that he be issued and granted a letter of marque and reprisal, as provided in Article One, Section Eight, Paragraph Eleven, the Constitution of the United States of America.

In petitioning for such letter, the undersigned attests that he is a natural-born citizen of the United States of America (Moultrie County, State of Illinois) moved to this extremity by consideration that:

1) Whereas fellow Americans are being held captive and hostage by pirate and/or rebel groups posing as governments in Communist Russia, Communist East Germany, Communist China, Cuba and Indonesia—and

2) Whereas certain of these American citizens also are business clients of the undersigned—and

3) Whereas if these piratical abuses are not halted the undersigned's own family and property will be "exposed to all the dangers of invasion from without, and convulsions within"—and

4) Whereas the Office of the Executive is impotent to rectify the aforesaid abuses, by reason of preoccupation with other pressing matters—and

5) Whereas the undersigned is prepared to demonstrate financial and moral responsibility to lease, equip and staff a seaworthy man of war to liberate these pirate-held American citizens at personal and private expense and risk—

Undersigned does herewith respectfully petition this 30th day of June, year of our Lord 1958, that the Congress of the United States of America issue, for a period of two years, a letter of marque and reprisal for the purposes described.

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